

Appendix 3. The procedure of computing degree-centrality from mobility data.

For each village i , the telecommunication company will compute how many people spend more than 15 min in village j . Then, P_{ij} is the percentage of the time and mobile users stayed in village i and visited village j for some time in minutes. For each village i , the summation of P_{ij} is close to one. For some visiting fewer than 15 min, it will be lost in the computation process. The P_{ij} for each village was computed using four age groups. To protect the privacy, if the village with the number of mobile phone users fewer than five, the telecommunication company treated it as “*” symbol. When we analyzed the data, we replaced the case with three persons for computation.

When we computed the weighted degree centrality, we first removed those self-linked pairs (P_{ii}) that did not move among villages. We then computed weighted in-degree (W_{ij} -in) and out-degree centrality (W_{ij} -out) for each age group using the igraph package (<https://igraph.org/r/>) in R software. For each W_{ij} , we compute the P_{ij} times the mobile phone users of FarEasTone in the corresponding villages.